

Committee, in its deliberation, decided that LB 160 should wait for another day. Unfortunately now it is on the bill. Again, I have a reluctance to support it. I will vote against the bill, even though I fully support Senator Withem and his proposal to have a study of this entire issue. With regard to Senator Scofield, I'd like to just make a brief comment. I think I've got a few seconds. I voted to consider the amendment. I mean if we added LB 160 to this bill I think anything is germane. We saw fit to suspend the rules for that, and we're going to piggyback that onto 247. I did not see any reluctance on my part to put...consider LB 760 as an amendment as well. I have to admit that I did vote against that proposal. I guess I am not as concerned about Wayne State College, or Peru State College, or Chadron State College being designated as a college. I'm not sure there's all that much in a name change itself. And even though I voted to suspend the rules to consider the issue, I would have planned to have voted against it. There are institutions who gain reputation and prestige as a result of the quality of their graduates and the quality of courses they offer. Whether they say college or university at the end of the...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...name of the institution I don't think is the determining factor of what is the quality of education. Certainly Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire is a world renowned and respected college, highly prestigious, highly hard to get into. Overland College in Ohio, highly prestigious college. As a matter of fact, my wife is a graduate of Wayne State College, and I think Wayne State College is a wonderful institution. She has...Linda, my wife, got an excellent education there. I know a lot of Wayne State College graduates, Senator Withem is one of them. And I don't think that a technical name change will make the difference. I think Wayne State, for example, as do the other...they have their own reputation, and it seems to me that they can survive on that and they merit recognition on that basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Let the record show that Senator Hefner had some guests who just had to leave our north balcony. We had 43 fourth graders from Pierce Elementary in Pierce, Nebraska, with their teacher. Senator Labeledz, please. Question has been called. Are there five hands? There are. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record,